

Application No. 10/737,268

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the first office action, the original claims 1, 2, 16, 20-21, 23-24 and 30-31 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Benfante (U.S. 6,015,314). Original claims 3-15, 17-19, 22, 25-29 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the same Benfante U.S. 6,015,314. All of these original claims have now been cancelled in favor of the much more specific and better distinguishing all new claims 32-40.

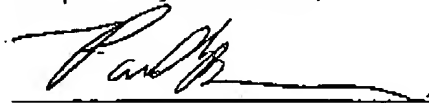
The Benfante U.S. 6,015,314 reference, as stated in it's Col. 2, lines 22-24, is a "watt-hour meter adapter that provides single phase service to two load contacts during failure of service to one of the line contacts." This Benfante plug unit is inserted, not removed, and only once, in that situation, and appears to bridge over or bypass existing circuits rather than maintain the original through circuits of a wiring harness. It provides none of the presently specifically claimed features and advantages of the present invention. If anything, it teaches away. This Benfante plug unit is clearly not a sacrificial removable connector used for multiple disconnects to extend contact life cycles of a wiring harness, much less in a wiring harness for machine components which must be repeatedly replaced, much less with tracking systems or locks to insure that only the connection between the sacrificial connector and the machine component being removed is being multiply disconnected, as in dependent claims. Additional distinctions will be readily apparent from the language of these new claims themselves.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action [other than a notice of allowance], i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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